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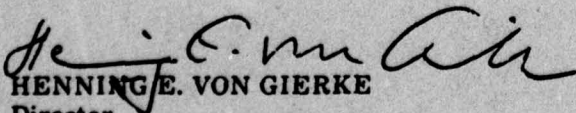
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## PREFACE

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## INTRODUCTION

The MK-34 Hydraulic Test Stand is an electric motor-driven unit designed to pressurize and test aircraft hydraulic systems. This unit is manufactured by the Sprague Engineering and Sales Corporation.

This volume provides measured data defining the bioacoustic environments produced by this unit. Such data are essential to evaluate ear protection requirements, limiting personnel exposure times, voice communication capabilities, and annoyance problems associated with operations of the MK-3A test stand.

This volume is one of a series published by the Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (AMRL) under the same report number (AMRL-TR-75-50) as a multi-volume handbook that quantifies the noise environments produced at flight/ground crew locations and in surrounding communities by operations of Air Force aircraft and ground support equipment. The far-field, community-type, noise data in the handbook describe the noise produced during *ground operations* of aircraft, ground support equipment, and other ground-based equipment or facilities.

Volume 1 of this handbook discusses the objectives and design of the handbook, the types of data presented, measurement procedures, instrumentation, data processing, definitions of quantities, symbols, equations, applications, limitations, etc. Volume 2 provides a method and data for adjusting the handbook's far-field noise data, which are for standard meteorological conditions (15C temperature, 70% rel humidity, 0.760 meters Hg barometric pressure) to derive comparable data for other meteorological conditions. *Refer to Volumes 1 and 2* (references 1 and 2) for such information because it is not repeated in other handbook volumes.

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## NEAR-FIELD NOISE

### MEASUREMENTS

A standard MK-3A Test Stand was operated inside, and approximately in the center of a large aircraft hanger (190.5 m long  $\times$  95.1 m wide  $\times$  18.3 m high) on a concrete floor at a normal rated condition of the system pressurized at 3000 PSI, no flow. The hanger walls and ceiling were not acoustically treated. No aircraft were in the vicinity of the unit while being measured. No far-field acoustic data were acquired because of the relatively close proximity of the hanger walls.

Figure 1 identifies 36 noise measurement locations at a height of 1.5 meters above the concrete apron (nominal ear level of ground crew). The 0 degree reference direction passes through the tow bar. These locations are in the acoustic near-field of the source where the sound wave fronts generally do not spherically diverge and the source appears to be spatially distributed (i.e., not a point source). Consequently, these near-field data cannot be extrapolated to longer distances but do properly define the levels at locations close to the unit.

Near-field measurements were also made at ear level at the operator control panel. Table 1 lists the numeric/alphabetic designators used on the data pages in this report to identify the operator measurement location and test conditions. The designator 1/A means operator location 1 and test condition A. Such a descriptor is essential in many handbook volumes that involve multiple combinations of locations/conditions. It is used in this report to maintain format consistency.

### RESULTS

The measured data presented in Table 2 define the sound pressure levels (SPL) produced by the MK-3A unit at the 37 specified, near-field locations. This table includes the overall, 1/3 octave band, and octave band levels. From these data one can calculate the variety of measures in Table 3 which are widely used to assess the effects of noise on personnel and their performance.

For data at other intermediate near-field locations (i.e., for radial distances less than 4 meters) you can interpolate between the 36 measured data points.

TABLE 1

#### MEASUREMENT LOCATION AND TEST CONDITION FOR OPERATOR NOISE MEASUREMENTS

MK-3A Test Stand, Aircraft Hydraulic System, Electric Motor-Driven  
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##### *Measurement Location*

1

Operator Control Panel

##### *Operation*

A

System Pressurized at  
3000 PSI, No Flow

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HEIGHT, 1.5 METERS

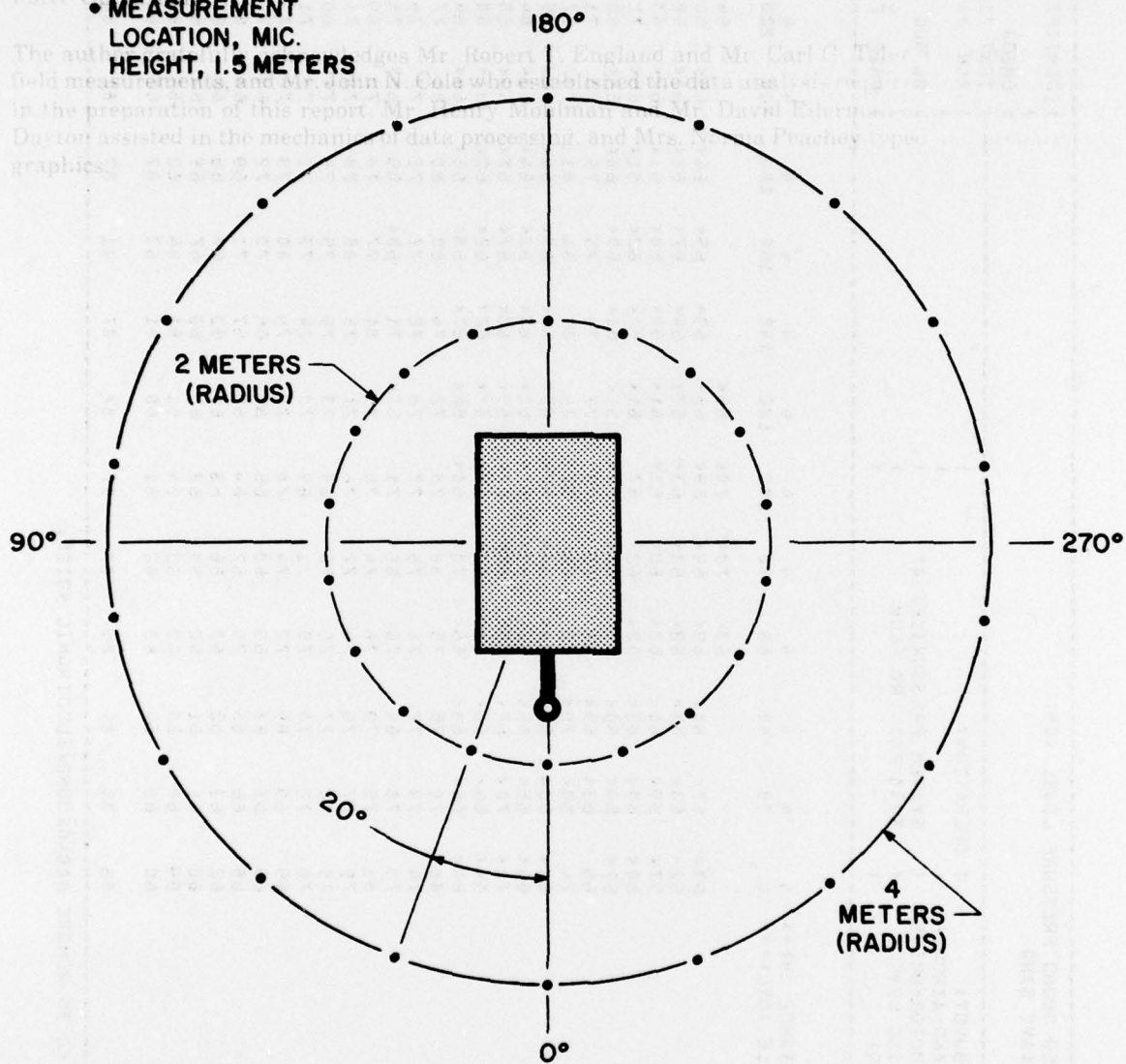


Figure 1. Measurement Locations

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)										IDENTIFICATION:									
1/3 OCTAVE BAND																			
2																			
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:																			
MK-3A TEST STAND-AIRCRAFT																			
SYS., ELECT. MOTOR-DRIVEN																			
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS																			
(INSIDE HANGER)																			
OPERATION:																			
( SYSTEM PRESSURIZED AT																			
( 3000 PSI, NO FLOW																			



TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)										IDENTIFICATIONS:									
1/3 OCTAVE BAND																			
2																			
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )																			
HK-3A TEST STAND-AIRCRAFT ( )																			
SYS., ELEC. MOTOR-DRIVEN ( )																			
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( )																			
( INSIDE HANGER ) ( )																			

TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)										IDENTIFICATION:									
1/3 OCTAVE BAND																			
2										OMEGA 3.2									
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )										TEST 71-020-340									
MK-3A TEST STAND-AIRCRAFT ( )										RUN 03									
SYS., ELECT. MOTOR-DRIVEN ( )										26 AUG 74									
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( 3000 PSI, NO FLOW )																			
( INSIDE HANGER )										PAGE F3									
DISTANCE (M) -> 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2										OPERATOR LOCATION									
ANGLE (DEG) -> 160 180 200 220 240 260 280 300 320 340										TEST CONDITION									
FREQ (HZ)										1/A 2/A									
25	63<	62<	70<	69<	67<	62<	66<	66<	63<	62<	65<								
31.5	69<	69<	68<	68<	67<	66<	66<	66<	68<	70<	72								
40	62<	58<	62<	66<	58<	61<	61<	59<	59<	60<	58<								
50	60<	62<	61<	65	61<	60<	59<	58<	59<	59<	63<								
63	63<	62<	62<	68	72	67	65<	62<	62<	64<	65<								
80	66<	69	69	71	68	64	64<	64<	64<	63<	66<								
100	78	79	79	78	78	74	73	73	74	73	78								
125	84	85	85	84	84	80	80	80	80	79	84								
160	66<	67<	69<	69<	69<	69<	68<	69<	70<	69<	70<								
200	71<	69<	71<	65<	67<	67<	66<	67<	67<	70<	70<								
250	71<	69<	71<	69<	70<	67<	68<	68<	73	74	75								
315	69	69	70	67<	69	67<	66<	66<	70	69	68								
400	75	74	71<	72<	74	71<	73<	69<	70	73<	76								
500	83	85	76	78	84	74	84	78	78	81	93								
630	79	79	81	81	80	75	78	76	81	80	88								
800	69	73	71	71	72	71	72	74	75	76	75								
1000	80	76	83	86	75	77	78	77	78	77	87								
1250	76	73	77	79	71	73	74	72	72	75	81								
1600	82	83	78	71	72	72	82	72	71	76	88								
2000	76	79	77	77	78	73	75	77	75	71	83								
2500	76	84	77	72	76	73	76	73	72	72	80								
3150	73	78	77	69	71	73	74	72	73	72	79								
4000	70	74	72	68	70	70	70	68	68	70	78								
5000	70	72	72	69	68	69	68	66	67	66	75								
6300	69	74	70	70	70	67	68	67	67	66	75								
8000	68	71	67	67	67	67	66	65	64	65	73								
10000	69	69	65	65	67	68	65	66	63	62	71								
OVERALL	90	92	90	91	90	86	89	87	87	88	97								

< LEVEL CORRECTED TO REMOVE BACKGROUND/ELECTRONIC NOISE.







TABLE: MEASURED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)		IDENTIFICATION:											
2		OCTAVE BAND											
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT:		OPERATION:											
MK-3A TEST STAND-AIRCRAFT		SYSTEM PRESSURIZED AT											
SYS., ELECT. MOTOR-DRIVEN		3000 PSI, NO FLOW											
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS		(INSIDE HANGER)											
DISTANCE (M) ->		ANGLE (DEG) ->											
FREQ (HZ)		160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	TEST CONDITION	1/A 2/A
31.5	71	70	72	72	72	67	69	67	67	70	71	73	73
63	68	70	70	70	73	74	70	68	67	67	68	69	62
125	85	86	86	85	85	85	81	81	81	81	80	85	70
250	74	73	74	72	72	74	71	72	73	75	76	76	72
500	85	86	82	83	85	85	78	85	80	83	84	94	82
1000	82	79	84	87	78	78	79	80	79	80	81	88	81
2000	84	87	82	79	80	80	77	83	79	78	78	89	77
4000	76	80	79	73	75	75	76	76	74	75	75	82	78
8000	73	76	72	73	73	73	72	71	71	69	69	78	74
OVERALL	90	92	90	91	90	90	86	89	87	87	88	97	86

TABLE: MEASURES OF HUMAN NOISE EXPOSURE														IDENTIFICATION:			
3														OMEGA 3.2			
NOISE SOURCE/SUBJECT: ( OPERATION: )														TEST 71-020-340			
MK-JA TEST STAND-AIRCRAFT ( )														RUN 01			
SYS., ELECT. MOTOR-DRIVEN ( SYSTEM PRESSURIZED AT )														26 AUG 74			
NEAR FIELD NOISE LEVELS ( 3000 PSI, NO FLOW )														PAGE H1			
( (INSIDE HANGER) ( )																	



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